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LETTER DATED 15 JUNE 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF INDONESIA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF A PRESS RELEASE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA EXPRESSING THE POSITION OF THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT ON THE DECISION TAKEN BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO RESUME NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS

Upon instruction, I have the honour to submit to you a press release from the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia expressing the position of the Indonesian Government on the decision taken by the French Government to resume nuclear-weapon tests.

It would be highly appreciated, if you could take the necessary steps to include this document as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament and at the same time to make it available to all member and non-member States participating in the Conference on Disarmament.

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INDONESIA URGES FRANCE TO RECONSIDER DECISION TO RESUME NUCLEAR TESTING

With regard to the recent announcement by the French Government that it would resume nuclear testing in the South Pacific, the Government of the Republic of Indonesia finds such a decision regrettable as it does not conform in any way to the decision adopted during the 1995 Review and Extension Conference on the NPT which, among others, has urged the nuclear-weapon States to exercise utmost restraint.

The Government of the Republic of Indonesia is of the view that all States Parties to the NPT should take all necessary steps to promote a programme of action toward the realization of the universal and internationally and effectively verifiable Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) by 1996. In this respect the Government of the Republic of Indonesia appeals to the French Government to reconsider its decision to resume nuclear testing.

Jakarta, 14 June 1995